

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 604

By Hill

A RESOLUTION to commend Duffie Jones for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Duffie Jones is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones served as the Executive Director of Hands On! Museum from 1993 to 2006, in which capacity she presided over the museum's greatest successes, including the celebration of its one millionth visitor and numerous prestigious accolades; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones's myriad accomplishments are not confined to her work with Hands On!; she has dedicated her time and energies to the Johnson City School Board, the Tennessee School Board Association, the Johnson City Commission, the Johnson City Power Board, First Tennessee Development District, Watauga Mental Health, the Tennessee Municipal League, the Economic Development District, the Johnson City Development Authority, the Economic Development Board, and the First Tennessee Human Resource Agency, among numerous others; and

WHEREAS, most notably, Duffie Jones served with distinction from 2001 to 2003 as the Mayor of Johnson City; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Ms. Jones was nominated for the *Business Journal's* Executive of the Year award and was named to the All Tennessee School Board, both in 1998; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary tenure, Ms. Jones has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Duffie Jones is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Duffie Jones for her many accomplishments in her tenure of service as the Mayor of Johnson City, the Director of Hands On! Museum, and to many civic organizations, and we extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.